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SUBJECT: IAEA BOARD MEETING - SAFEGUARDS

REFS: A) STATE 39093; B) IAEA VIENNA 1435

1. SAFEGUARDS ORGANIZATION: DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND OPENED DISCUSSION THIS AGENDA ITEM BY ANNOUNCING THAT AS OF MARCH 1, DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION WILL BE CALLED SIMPLY "DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS" AND TITLE OF ITS DIRECTOR WILL BE "DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL" RATHER THAN "INSPECTOR GENERAL." FUNCTION WILL BE SAME AS BEFORE. OBJECTIVE IS TO MORE THOROUGHLY INTEGRATE SAFEGUARDS INTO REMAINDER OF AGENCY. SO AS TO ASSURE HIGHEST LEVEL TWO-STEP CONSIDERATION WITHIN AGENCY OF ANY SUSPECTED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT VIOLATION, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS WILL NOT SERVE AS ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL IN ABSENCE OF DG, AS DO OTHER DDG'S. EKLUND FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT REPORT OF GROUP OF EXPERTS TO ADVISE ON STRUCTURE OF DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS ("SEVEN WISE MEN") WOULD BE PUBLISHED SOON AND ITS PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS WERE: A) MAINTAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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GEOGRAPHICAL REGION CONCEPT OF ORGANIZATION IN THE OPERATIONS DIVISIONS. AS EXPECTED, DG HAS DECIDED TO FORM TWO OPERATIONS DIVISIONS, WITH GEOGRAPHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

B) CREATION OF HIGH-LEVEL EVALUATION GROUP REPORTING TO DDG FOR SAFEGUARDS.

2. SPECIAL SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (SSIR):
AMBASSADOR TAPE OPENED DISCUSSION WITH STATEMENT ALONG
LINES SET FORTH REFTEL A. IN ADDITION, BELGIUM, USSR,
CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA
SUPPORTED PROPOSED REPORT. NO OPPOSITION WAS VOICED.
USSR URGED MORE EMPHASIS BE GIVEN TO REPORTING ACTIONS
TAKEN TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES. AUSTRALIA SAW SSIR AS
AUDIT OF SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM AND HOPED WOULD
EMPHASIZE QUANTITATIVE FACTORS, NOT QUALITATIVE ONES.
AUSTRALIA, FRG AND ITALY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR STATED
OBJECTIVE TO PRESERVE ANONYMITY OF STATES. SOUTH AFRICA
EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR OBJECTIVE TO AVOID
DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL OR OTHERWISE SENSITIVE DATA.

3. YUGOSLAV STATEMENT: STATEMENT BY YUGOSLAV GOVERNOR
UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM REPORTED REF B.

4. SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS: FOUR NPT SAFEGUARDS
AGREEMENTS WITH MALDIVES, PARAGUAY, SENEGAL, AND
SAN MARINO WERE APPROVED WITHOUT COMMENT. A FIFTH
AGREEMENT (GOV 1825 DATED FEBRUARY 22, 1977) COVERING
SUPPLY OF URANIUM CONCENTRATE FROM NIGER TO
PAKISTAN AIS ALSO APPROVED WITH CANADA AND AUSTRALIA
NOTING THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN INSUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW
DOCUMENT. AFLVR APPROVAL, PAKISTAN THANKED BOARD AND
NOTED THIS WAS FIRST INSTANCE WHERE TWO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, NEITHER OF WHICH ARE NPT PARTIES, COLLABORATED
ON SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH IAEA. THIS WAS, HE SAID,
INDICATION OF THEIR DEDICATION TO PEACEFUL USES OF
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ATOMIC ENERGY.

5. SOVIET STATEMENT: USSR AMBASSADOR EROFEEV HAD TWO
FINAL REMARKS TO MAKE UNDER AGENDA ITEM ON SAFEGUARDS:
A) HE NOTED SOME NPT PARTIES STILL HAD NOT COMPLETED
REQUIRED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH IAEA AND URGED
SECRETARIAT TO TAKE NEW INITIATIVES TO HAVE THESE
AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATED AND BROUGHT INTO FORCE; B) HE
ASKED DIRGEN TO GIVE REPORT AT NEXT BOARD MEETING ON
PROGRESS MADE IN BRINGING EURATOM FACILITIES UNDER
ACTIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION. TAPE

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